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2                   FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
3                   AT NASHVILLE

4                   UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,                   )

5                   Plaintiff,                   )

6                   v.                   )

7                   MARK BRYANT,                   )

8                   Defendant.                   )

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1           The above-styled cause came on to be heard on  
2 January 7, 2020, before the Honorable Waverly D. Crenshaw,  
3 Jr., District Judge, when the following proceedings were had,  
4 to-wit:

5           (Voir Dire filed as Trial Volume IA)

6           THE COURT: All right. Be seated. So we're going  
7 to take our lunch break. We're going to break from 1:10  
8 until 2:00. Your options are few. You can go to the first  
9 floor, and the cafeteria is still open. Is it still open?  
10 It's open until 1:30. It's not good food, but it will -- you  
11 will not starve.

12           If you want something a little bit better, you can  
13 go across to the Frist and they've got sandwiches and salads  
14 there. And you'll be on your own at lunch.

15           But do come back to the jury assembly room. The  
16 court officers here will meet you there, escort you over, and  
17 then we'll start the case.

18           Now, when I break, I need you all to be careful --  
19 and I'll give you more instructions -- but in the meantime,  
20 do not let anyone talk to you about this case. If anyone  
21 tries to talk to you about this case, you should tell them to  
22 stop, and go away from them. And then you need to let me  
23 know who tried to talk to you.

24           The lawyers and the parties you may see in the  
25 hallway here, but they won't acknowledge you and they won't

1 say anything to you. And that's because I've told them not  
2 to say anything to you and not to acknowledge you. So don't  
3 think they're being rude or ill mannered, but they're  
4 following my orders because it would be inappropriate for  
5 them to have any contact with you, communication. In fact,  
6 if they see you, they will probably walk the other way. It's  
7 not personal. So don't hold that against any of the lawyers.

8           Second, I know that we're all connected to our  
9 phones. And I suspect for some of you, the first thing  
10 you're going to do is go to the jury room and ask the jury  
11 administrator for your phone. And that's okay. But you  
12 cannot get on your phone and do any research about this case.  
13 That would be improper. You must make your decision solely  
14 what you hear and you see in the four walls of this  
15 courthouse -- courtroom and nothing else.

16           So please -- and I'll give you more direction --  
17 don't do any kind of internet searches of any kind at all.  
18 And if you inadvertently -- because sometimes you can be on  
19 your phone -- at least I can -- and things start popping up.  
20 If you inadvertently -- something pops up, discard it  
21 immediately and stop looking at it. Don't read it.

22           Secondly, you may run across some hard media, you  
23 know, print media. And it may have something to do with this  
24 case. And you may inadvertently look at it. So, once you  
25 recognize that, look away. Don't read it. Anything about

1 the case.

2           Again, it's important to the process, to the  
3 fairness of the trial, that you make your decision solely  
4 based on what you hear here in the courtroom. So no one can  
5 talk to you and you can't read or do any research.

6           And, finally, you can't talk about the case. You  
7 can't talk about the case even with each other. The only  
8 time you'll be allowed to talk about this case with each  
9 other is after I charge you at the end of the case and you  
10 retire to your room and start your deliberations in secret.  
11 That's when you can talk about the case.

12           So you can't let anyone talk to you about the  
13 case; you can't talk to anyone else about the case; and you  
14 can't do any research about the case or read anything about  
15 the case during the next -- well, now, 45 minutes, while  
16 we're at lunch.

17           So when we come back, I'm going to give you more  
18 instructions about how the trial -- things you can do and not  
19 do during the trial, and some information. Then you're going  
20 to hear what we call opening statements from the lawyers.  
21 The government will start and the defendant may or may not.  
22 He is not required to give an opening statement. And I'll  
23 explain that to you.

24           The opening statements are not evidence. The  
25 opening statement is just what the parties believe the facts

1 are going to be. It's a narrative, preview of what this  
2 trial is about and what the parties think is important. And  
3 they just want to emphasize some things for you to look for  
4 as it pertains to the evidence.

5           They're not going to talk about the law. The only  
6 person here who is going to talk about the law is me, and  
7 that will be at the end of the trial when I give you the law,  
8 which you've just taken an oath to follow whether you like  
9 the law that I give you or not.

10           So those are your preliminary -- very preliminary  
11 instructions. That should get you through the lunch break.  
12 And I'm going to excuse you all now to get on the elevator  
13 and get you some lunch.

14           Thank you. All right. And then we'll resume back  
15 at 2:00.

16           (Whereupon a lunch break was observed.)

17           THE COURT: All right. Be seated.

18           MS. MYERS: Excuse me, Your Honor.

19           THE COURT: Approach the bench.

20           (Bench conference outside the hearing of the  
21 jury.)

22           MS. MYERS: We had discussed having an instruction  
23 that Jordan Norris is deceased for reasons unrelated to this  
24 case.

25           THE COURT: I haven't forgotten.



1 MS. MYERS: Thank you. And also that the Taser  
2 that I'm using is not armed so that people don't get scared.

3 THE COURT: Well, I think they'll know that I'm  
4 not going to kill them.

5 MS. MYERS: Right. I just didn't want to make  
6 anybody jump.

7 THE COURT: I think saying that just creates more  
8 issues.

9 MS. MYERS: And then the other thing would be just  
10 to make sure that in the openings we don't reference anything  
11 from the motions in limine that have been held in abeyance.

12 THE COURT: I think she's talking to you.

13 MR. STRIANSE: That's on the civil lawsuit?  
14 Is that what you're referring to?

15 MS. MYERS: The civil lawsuit, the defendant's  
16 character evidence, the victim's bad character evidence,  
17 like, all of that that's been held in abeyance pursuant to  
18 motions in limine, just can't be discussed in opening.

19 MR. STRIANSE: We're talking about him being under  
20 the influence. You're not talking about that?

21 MS. MYERS: No.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. These are all things you  
23 all should have talked about at lunch. Let's get started.

24 MS. MYERS: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

25 (Jury present.)

1           THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, now  
2 that you've been charged, and as I promised before the lunch  
3 break, I'm going to give you a few more instructions about  
4 the case and how we'll conduct the proceedings here.

5           Now that you've been sworn, I'll give you some  
6 preliminary instructions to guide your performance in the --  
7 in the trial. It will be your duty to find from the evidence  
8 what the facts are. You and you alone are the judges of the  
9 facts. You will then have to apply those facts to the law  
10 that I'll give you, and you must follow that law whether you  
11 agree with it or not.

12           Nothing I may say or do during the course of the  
13 trial is intended to indicate, nor should be it taken by you  
14 as indicating, what your verdict should be.

15           The evidence from which you will find the facts  
16 will consist of the testimony of witnesses, documents, and  
17 other things received into the record as exhibits and any  
18 facts the lawyers agree or stipulate to or that I may  
19 instruct you to find.

20           Certain things are not evidence and must not be  
21 considered by you. Among those thing are statements,  
22 arguments, and questions by the lawyers. These are not  
23 evidence.

24           Objections to questions are not evidence. Lawyers  
25 have an obligation to their client to make an objection when

1 they believe evidence being offered is improper under the  
2 rules of evidence. You should not be influenced by the  
3 objection or by my ruling on it. If an objection is  
4 sustained, ignore the question. If it is overruled, treat  
5 the answer like any other answer. If you are instructed that  
6 some item of evidence is received for a limited purpose only,  
7 you must follow that instruction.

8           Testimony that I've excluded or told you to  
9 disregard is not evidence and must not be considered by you.

10           Anything you may have seen or heard outside the  
11 courtroom is not evidence and must be disregarded. You are  
12 to decide the case based solely on the evidence presented  
13 here in this courtroom.

14           There are two kinds of evidence, direct and  
15 circumstantial. Direct evidence is direct proof of the fact,  
16 such as testimony of an eyewitness. Circumstantial evidence  
17 is proof of facts from which you may infer or conclude that  
18 other facts exist. I'll give you more instructions on these  
19 as well as other matters at the end of the case. But keep in  
20 mind you may consider both kinds of evidence.

21           It will be up to you to decide which witnesses to  
22 believe, which witnesses not to believe, or how much of any  
23 witness's testimony to accept or reject. I will give you  
24 some guidelines for determining the credibility of the  
25 witnesses at the end of the case.

1           As you know, this is a criminal case. There are  
2 three basic rules about a criminal case which you must keep  
3 in mind.

4           First, the defendant is presumed innocent until  
5 proven guilty. The indictment against the defendant brought  
6 by the government is only an accusation, nothing more. It is  
7 not proof of guilt or anything else. The defendant therefore  
8 starts out with a clean slate.

9           Second, the burden of proof is on the government.  
10 The defendant has no burden to prove his innocence or to  
11 present any evidence or to testify. Since the defendant has  
12 the right to remain silent, the law prohibits you in arriving  
13 at your verdict from considering that the defendant may not  
14 have testified.

15           Third, the government must prove the defendant's  
16 guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. I will give you further  
17 instructions on this point later, but bear in mind that it is  
18 in this respect a criminal case is different from a civil  
19 case.

20           Now, I have a few words about your conduct as  
21 jurors. These instructions are necessary for a fair trial  
22 and are very important.

23           First, during the trial, you are to avoid contact  
24 with any witnesses, the parties, any lawyer, or anyone else  
25 who may have an interest in the outcome of this case. Do not

1 talk or have any other communication with them. Because you  
2 may not know whether a particular person in the courthouse  
3 falls into one of these categories, during breaks you should  
4 not speak to anyone in the courthouse you do not know. If  
5 anyone tries to talk to you about the case, bring it to my  
6 attention promptly.

7           Second, during the trial, you are not to discuss  
8 the case with anyone or permit anyone to discuss it with you.  
9 This prohibition includes your family, your friends, your  
10 coworkers. It also includes any form of communication  
11 whatsoever, whether over the internet, such as email, instant  
12 messaging, tweeting, Facebook, or other social media posts,  
13 websites and blogs, the use of cell phones for text messages  
14 or audio or video recording, or the use of any other  
15 recording or transmitting device.

16           People who aren't in the courtroom and haven't  
17 heard the evidence may yet and still express opinions about  
18 the case. And your verdict is not to be based on what others  
19 say about the case, only on what the evidence is. So don't  
20 post or email or tweet or text anything about this case, and  
21 don't read anything anyone else might post, email, tweet, or  
22 text about the case.

23           And, of course, don't talk about the case and  
24 don't listen to anyone else talk about the case. The  
25 prohibition even includes your fellow jurors. You should

1 refrain from case-related discussions with one another until  
2 all the evidence is received, final instructions are given,  
3 and you retire to the jury room to deliberate on your  
4 verdict. One of the main reasons for this is that discussing  
5 the case can lead to forming an opinion, and that is not a  
6 good idea before you have heard all of the evidence. Even  
7 after deliberations begin, you may talk about the case among  
8 your fellow jurors only when all are present.

9           Third, during the trial, you are not to gather  
10 information, investigate, or do anything else to learn about  
11 the case outside the properly admitted evidence. For  
12 example, do not attempt to investigate the case on the  
13 internet or travel to a particular location that may be of  
14 interest in the trial. You should also avoid exposure to  
15 media coverage of the charges or trial, if there is any,  
16 until after you render your verdict.

17           So don't read or listen to any news or internet  
18 reports about the case, if there are any. Just like tweets  
19 and internet posts, things on the internet and in the media  
20 are often inaccurate or incomplete, and it is certainly not  
21 given under oath with all the parties present, nor is it  
22 subject to cross-examination and close scrutiny like the  
23 evidence you will hear in the courtroom.

24           During the trial you will receive all evidence  
25 which may be properly considered in reaching your verdict. I

1 know you may be used to looking things up online, but doing  
2 any type of research is unfair to the parties, can lead to  
3 bad decisions, and can cause major problems and require us to  
4 start all over.

5           Finally, do not form any opinion until all the  
6 evidence is in. The last witness is often just as important  
7 as the first witness. So keep an open mind until I instruct  
8 you to start deliberations at the end of the case. These  
9 rules are necessary for a fair trial, and violation of these  
10 instructions does subject you to punishment as allowed by law  
11 for contempt.

12           I will repeat or summarize these instructions for  
13 you regularly throughout the trial, not because I think you  
14 aren't paying attention, but because in my experience jurors  
15 find some of these instructions difficult to follow. I know  
16 of no other situation in our culture where we ask strangers  
17 to sit together, watching and listening to something, then go  
18 into a little room together and not talk about the one thing  
19 they have in common, what they just watched together.

20           We are almost all wired into the digital world and  
21 used to looking stuff up online and talking or posting about  
22 our lives. So please remember the reasons I gave you about  
23 why there are rules against this in the context of this  
24 trial, and let me know if there are any problems with  
25 following the instructions, either on your own part or by

1 your fellow jurors.

2           If at any time during the trial you have a  
3 personal need that must be taken care of, raise your hand or  
4 otherwise notify the court security officer, who will always  
5 be seated there to your right. Your comfort is important to  
6 me and we want to -- and I want to accommodate you in any way  
7 I can. So don't hesitate to let me know if there's something  
8 that deals with your personal comfort.

9           So the trial is now about to begin. First the  
10 government will make an opening statement, which is simply an  
11 outline to help you understand the evidence as it comes in.  
12 Next, the defendant's attorney may, but does not have to,  
13 make an opening statement. Opening statements are neither  
14 evidence nor arguments.

15           The government will then examine its witnesses and  
16 counsel for the defendant will be allowed to cross-examine  
17 them. Following the government's case, the defendant may, if  
18 he wishes, present witnesses whom the government may  
19 cross-examine. As I advised you before, the defendant has no  
20 burden of proof and has no obligation to present evidence,  
21 and might, or might not, choose not to do so.

22           After all the evidence is in, the attorneys will  
23 present their closing arguments to summarize and interpret  
24 the evidence for you. I will instruct you on the law, and  
25 after that, you will retire to deliberate on your own.



1           At the end of the trial, you must make your  
2 decision based on what you recall of the evidence here in the  
3 courtroom. So it is very important that you pay close  
4 attention to the testimony as it's given. You will not have  
5 a written transcript to consult once you start your  
6 deliberations.

7           If you wish, you may take notes to help you  
8 remember what witnesses said. If you do take notes, please  
9 keep them to yourself until you and your fellow jurors go  
10 into the jury room to decide the case. And do not let  
11 note-taking distract you that you do not hear other answers  
12 by the witness.

13           When you came in, you should have had on your  
14 chair a folder, a brown folder. Inside of that should have  
15 been a pen and a notepad. That's yours to use throughout the  
16 trial. The parties may or may not pass to you some documents  
17 that have been admitted into exhibits -- as exhibits and you  
18 can keep your copy of those documents in that -- that  
19 Redweld. And when you leave at night, you can put your pen  
20 and notepad and any documents back into your Redweld, then  
21 place them on your seat, and they'll be very safe in here  
22 until we resume the next morning and you can use it again.

23           So, at this point, the lawyers are going to give  
24 their opening statement. And we'll first hear from the  
25 government, and then we'll hear from Mr. Bryant's attorney.

1           Now, the parties have asked me to share with you  
2 one stipulation -- and there will be others. But one  
3 stipulation that will be helpful to the parties as they give  
4 their opening statement, and that is, as you've heard, the  
5 name of Jordan Norris -- you'll hear his name throughout the  
6 trial. Mr. Norris is deceased. And the parties want you to  
7 know that his passing away has no relation or connection  
8 whatsoever to this case.

9           So, with that, I'll turn it over to Ms. Myers.

10                       PLAINTIFF'S OPENING STATEMENT

11           MS. MYERS: Thank you, Your Honor.

12           The defendant firing a Taser, a teenager's burned  
13 flesh, and a coverup.

14           For two years Caitlin Marriott could not bring  
15 herself to carry a Taser when she went to work as a  
16 corrections officer at the Cheatham County Jail. She  
17 couldn't even be around her fellow officers when they tested  
18 the Tasers because just the sound of electricity humming sent  
19 her back to the night of November 5th, 2016, when she saw the  
20 defendant, Mark Bryant, use a Taser to assault a teenager  
21 named Jordan Norris while he was strapped into a chair.

22           And that night she saw the defendant use a Taser  
23 to shoot painful electricity into Jordan Norris for a total  
24 of 50 seconds, ten times the length of a standard Taser  
25 cycle. And all the while that Jordan was strapped to that

1 chair and held down by officers and being tased by the  
2 defendant, the defendant taunted him. "You don't like it, do  
3 you? I'll keep doing it until I run out of batteries." And  
4 at the end of that 50-second tasing, you will hear Officer  
5 Marriott describe that Jordan's flesh looked like raw  
6 hamburger meat pulled through a meat grinder.

7           You will see two separate videos of the  
8 defendant's assaults on Jordan. And then you will hear what  
9 the defendant did to try and cover it all up.

10           Law enforcement officers have a very difficult  
11 job. They encounter dangerous and unstable people every  
12 single day. But their job is clear: To serve and protect.  
13 They're also trained that the United States Constitution  
14 protects everyone in our country, even people who are inmates  
15 in jail. You will hear from Cheatham County correction  
16 officers who will tell you that they encounter dangerous and  
17 unstable people every single day. These officers will tell  
18 you that the defendant's assaults on Jordan Norris were  
19 wrong.

20           On the night of November 5th, 2016, Jordan Norris  
21 was 18 years old. He was an inmate in the Cheatham County  
22 Jail, and he had a drug addiction problem. The defendant was  
23 in charge of the jail on that night, and around 7:00 p.m.  
24 that night, Jordan became upset in his cell. He began  
25 banging his head against the wall. And Officer Caitlin

1 Marriott called for other officers to come and assist her  
2 with Jordan.

3           Four officers arrived, including the defendant.  
4 And when the officers came, they got Jordan out of his cell  
5 to move him. And, as they were moving him, one of the  
6 officers used a Taser to get Jordan out of the cell and into  
7 the restraint chair.

8           The restraint chair has straps across the  
9 shoulders, across the arms, across the lap, and across the  
10 legs. And once Jordan was in the chair, he calmed down. But  
11 about an hour later, Jordan became agitated again. And he  
12 struggled in the chair. He managed to loosen one of his  
13 hands from the straps.

14           Three of the officers came back. One of the  
15 officers held down Jordan's head. Another officer held down  
16 Jordan's loose hand, and the defendant ordered Officer  
17 Caitlin Marriott to go and get the Taser. The defendant used  
18 the Taser as he kneeled in front of Jordan Norris. And while  
19 Jordan Norris was held down by officers and strapped into the  
20 restraint chair, the defendant tased Jordan Norris for a  
21 total of 50 seconds, burning his flesh, shooting painful  
22 electricity into his body, and punishing him. He was  
23 frustrated. And all the while, as he was doing that, he  
24 said, "I'll keep doing it until I run out of batteries. You  
25 don't like it, do you?"

1           Later that night, a few hours later, Jordan was  
2 being prepared to go to the hospital. And the defendant  
3 stayed late, past his 10:00 shift. At that time, when  
4 officers were preparing Jordan to be transported, Jordan  
5 began struggling against the officers. He became agitated  
6 again. And the defendant tased him several more times. But  
7 finally, when Jordan was calm, compliant, sitting in the  
8 restraint chair, handcuffed, shackled and wearing a belly  
9 chain, the defendant shot electricity into Jordan Norris's  
10 body for an additional 11 seconds for no reason.

11           These officers will tell you that the defendant's  
12 assaults on Jordan Norris were wrong. And the defendant knew  
13 that they were wrong, too. Later that night he told one of  
14 his fellow officers that he thought he was going to get in  
15 trouble for what he had done to Jordan. So he decided to  
16 cover it up. After the 50-second tase, at 8:00, he told the  
17 other officers who were there not to write a report; that he  
18 would take care of it. And he did take care of it. He wrote  
19 a false report, a false account of what had happened,  
20 completely leaving out the fact that he tased Jordan four  
21 times for a total of 50 seconds.

22           And after he wrote that false report, he wrote  
23 another false report about the 10:30 p.m. tasing of Jordan.  
24 In that report he left out the crucial information that he  
25 had tased Jordan for 11-seconds while he was compliant,

1 handcuffed, and in a belly chain. This is while he was  
2 waiting to go to the hospital.

3           These two reports were so misleading that his own  
4 boss, Lt. Hannah, signed off on these reports when he read  
5 them. Because he didn't see any information in the reports  
6 that indicated that the defendant had done anything wrong.  
7 It wasn't until several months later, when these incidents  
8 became public, that the administration went back, pulled all  
9 the video, pulled all the audio, and were able to see the  
10 defendant's assaults on Jordan and that there was no  
11 justification for those assaults. These officers will tell  
12 you that the defendant's assaults on Jordan Norris were  
13 wrong.

14           But that wasn't the end of the defendant's  
15 coverup. Several months later, when the defendant was  
16 interviewed by the FBI, he told agents that he had never  
17 tased Jordan Norris when he was handcuffed and in a belly  
18 chain. He covered up what he had done because he knew that  
19 there was no justification, no reason for what he had done,  
20 based on his own training and experience.

21           And the defendant had been Taser trained and  
22 certified. And he learned in that Taser training that an  
23 officer could only tase a person for three five-second  
24 bursts. Nothing more. Or there would be a serious risk of  
25 bodily injury, including severe burns and/or organ damage.

1 He also learned that you could only tase a person to stop a  
2 threat and never to punish.

3           You will hear from Officer Caitlin Marriott, from  
4 other officers who were there that night and from supervisors  
5 in the jail who will tell you that the defendant's assaults  
6 were not justified, let alone for 50 seconds and 11 seconds.

7           You will also get to hear from Gary Ola, who was  
8 the Taser trainer in the jail. He trained the defendant and  
9 many others in the jail over the years. You will hear that  
10 Gary Ola was there that night and witnessed the defendant's  
11 11-second assault when he shot electricity into Jordan for  
12 those 11 seconds. He was standing next to him. He saw it.  
13 And then he lied to federal agents. He lied and said that he  
14 had never seen the defendant tase him for 11 seconds. He  
15 lied, but then he pleaded guilty to lying to FBI agents. You  
16 will hear Gary Ola admit that he lied and that he was  
17 ashamed, ashamed that he did nothing to stop the defendant  
18 that night, and ashamed that he didn't report it.

19           Gary Ola and the other officers will tell you that  
20 the defendant's assaults on Jordan Norris were wrong. You  
21 will get to see the video of both of the defendant's assaults  
22 on Jordan. You will get to read the false reports that he  
23 wrote. And you will get to hear about the false statements  
24 that he made to the FBI.

25           The defendant firing a Taser, a teenager's burned

1 flesh, and a coverup.

2 And at the conclusion of the evidence, you will  
3 understand why Officer Caitlin Marriott could not bring  
4 herself to carry a Taser for two years after she witnessed  
5 the defendant's assaults on Jordan. And after you've seen  
6 and heard the evidence in this case, I'm confident that you  
7 will find the defendant guilty on all five counts.

8 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Strianse.

9 MR. STRIANSE: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 DEFENDANTS' OPENING STATEMENT

11 MR. STRIANSE: Good afternoon. The front door of  
12 the Cheatham County Jail is exactly 20 miles from this  
13 courtroom. What happens behind that door might as well be a  
14 million miles away from the calm surroundings that we all  
15 enjoy this afternoon in this very quiet, serene courtroom.

16 What you're going to hear over the next week or so  
17 is a -- an example of the stark difference that exists from a  
18 jailhouse, the storms that occur inside a jailhouse, and the  
19 usual order that we're used to in our daily lives.

20 On November 5th, 2016, Mark Bryant was a  
21 correctional officer, a corporal, a shift supervisor at the  
22 Cheatham County Jail in Ashland City, 20 miles up the road.  
23 That jail was built 40 years ago to house 120 inmates. In  
24 2016, when this event happened, it routinely housed about 150  
25 or more. There were six correctional officers per shift on



1 duty at any given time to guard the jail and secure the  
2 safety of the employees and the inmates of the jail and to  
3 try to preserve some semblance of order at the Cheatham  
4 County Jail.

5           Now, as of Saturday, November 5th, Mark Bryant had  
6 worked at the Cheatham County Jail for about 14 months.  
7 You'll hear him testify. He'll tell you that he rose through  
8 the ranks quickly. He had been hired in August of 2015.  
9 Shortly thereafter, in the fall of '15, he was appointed to  
10 be a field training officer. And by November 15, just a few  
11 months after he started work there, he was supervising his  
12 first shift. And by June of 2016, he was elevated to  
13 corporal and shift supervisor.

14           On November 5, 2016, which is the date you're  
15 going to be hearing a lot about over this next week, it was a  
16 Saturday; Mark Bryant was working as the corporal shift  
17 supervisor for the second shift. That's 2:00 p.m. to  
18 10:00 p.m. You all might imagine that that would be a pretty  
19 busy shift, the second shift on a Saturday night, between  
20 2:00 and 10:00. You might imagine that a lot of people are  
21 getting arrested and a lot of people are getting booked in  
22 the jail, and these correctional officers -- remember, six of  
23 them responsible for running the jail and keeping an eye on  
24 150 people -- would be very busy.

25           Around 6:45 or so on Saturday, November the 5th,

1 right after dinner, Mark Bryant was where he was supposed to  
2 be. He was in his office at his desk looking at the live  
3 camera feed from the cells in the booking area. And Jordan  
4 Norris, a young man that you're going to hear a lot about  
5 over the next week, was in Cell Number 4. He had come to the  
6 jail on November the 3rd, which I think was a Thursday,  
7 charged with some felony criminal offenses, logged in at the  
8 jail. But he was still in the booking area. He was still in  
9 Cell 4.

10 And Mark Bryant's able to see through the camera  
11 what's going on in Cell 4. And he's banging his head on the  
12 door in Cell 4. So you'll hear Mark Bryant testify in this  
13 case, he leaves his office, walks the 25 feet or so from his  
14 office to Cell 4, unlocks the door, goes in, and tells  
15 Mr. Norris to stop banging his head on the door, that he's  
16 going to hurt himself or he's going to hurt somebody else.

17 Well, no sooner does Mark Bryant walk back the 25  
18 feet to his office, he sees Mr. Norris again on the camera  
19 and he's doing it again. So something has to be done to try  
20 get him under control.

21 Mark Bryant and Jeff Key, another correctional  
22 officer, go to Cell 4 together. And they both go in and  
23 escort Mr. Norris out of the cell. And he is fighting and  
24 resisting.

25 Now, the government has prepared a composite video

1 of the events of that night that were captured on the jail  
2 camera. And if they don't play that first interval of the  
3 extraction from the cell, then you'll see that later when we  
4 put on our case. But you'll see what's going on when they're  
5 trying to get Jordan Norris out of Cell 4. He's fighting.  
6 He's resisting. And it's at this point in time that the  
7 lives of four correctional officers intersect with the life  
8 of Jordan Norris.

9           You're going to hear some of these correctional  
10 officers testify as the government has told you. And you're  
11 going to hear Jordan Norris being described as acting on  
12 November 5th, 2016, as someone who was possessed, someone who  
13 was out of his mind, someone who was drugged, someone who was  
14 aggressive, someone that was possessed of unnatural, extreme  
15 strength.

16           The officers could not control him. You're going  
17 to see four officers, when they're trying to extract him to  
18 the cell, four very big officers, collectively a thousand  
19 pounds of officers, unable to control someone that is roughly  
20 my size, five feet-ten, 170 pounds.

21           Now, a correctional officer by the name of Daniel  
22 Bratton, when they're trying to extract Mr. Norris from the  
23 cell, tases him four times to get him into the restraint  
24 chair that you've heard a little bit about already. He's  
25 actively resisting. He's stiffening. He's flailing his arms

1 as they're trying to get him out of Cell 4.

2           Now, one thing that is extremely significant --  
3 and I'll ask you to pay particularly close attention to --  
4 once they get Jordan Norris out of Cell 4 and Officer Bratton  
5 has to tase him four times to get him into this old, beat-up  
6 restraint chair, at about 7:00 or so, about 11 minutes after  
7 7:00, a decision is made -- he had been in the chair for  
8 about 20 minutes -- a decision is made by Mark Bryant, who  
9 was in charge that night, that it was time to get Jordan  
10 Norris out of the uncomfortable position of being in a  
11 restraint chair with cuffs behind your back.

12           And I think, ladies and gentlemen, when we get to  
13 the end of this case, you're going to see that as the most  
14 significant decision that was made. And with the benefit of  
15 20/20 hindsight, it wasn't a good decision. Because what  
16 happened after they tried to do sort of a humanitarian  
17 gesture to get his hands in front of him, to get him out of  
18 the cuffs, the metal cuffs, and put soft restraints on him,  
19 is when they lost control of this situation.

20           They lost control because this was an old  
21 restraint chair. The Velcro soft restraints around the  
22 wrists were old, frayed, defective. And what you're going to  
23 see is the largesse that was shown by the correctional  
24 officers to make him more comfortable turned out to be the  
25 worst decision that could have been made. Because at that

1 point in time, Jordan Norris, who was obviously in some  
2 altered mental state, obviously under the influence of  
3 something, gets his right arm loose. They not only did not  
4 have control over Jordan Norris, the correctional officers no  
5 longer had control over the situation.

6           And what they spent going on after 11 minutes  
7 after 7:00 was this Herculean effort to try to get him back  
8 under control. And that resulted in these additional tasings  
9 that you've heard about. And it was the catalyst for all the  
10 events that followed.

11           He was in the restraint chair at about 8:00. And  
12 still struggling against the chair, strong enough to take  
13 this heavy metal restraint chair and literally, through the  
14 force of his body, buck that chair across the concrete floor  
15 there in the booking area. And he was tased four times  
16 during that period when he's in the restraint chair. And  
17 remember, his right arm is not fully restrained at that time.

18           Now, you are going to learn through the course of  
19 this case that Mr. Bryant, before he tased Jordan Norris --  
20 before he tased Jordan Norris -- is talking to him, before he  
21 ever activates that Taser, and saying, "Are you ready? Are  
22 you ready to comply?"

23           Mr. Norris was not ready to comply. So after --  
24 so he's tased.

25           Then, after the first tase, Mr. Bryant says, "Are

1 you done?" Meaning can this end? Will you comply? No.

2 After the second tase, "Please stop resisting."

3 This is all documented in the investigation that  
4 was done by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the  
5 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

6 You heard about another tasing incident that  
7 occurred later in the evening, at about 10:20 or so. And  
8 this was at the booking counter. And you'll see this video.  
9 They had developed another plan to try to transport him to  
10 the hospital in Ashland City so he could have a medical  
11 evaluation. But they had to figure out, how are we going to  
12 get him out of this \$2 defective restraint chair with his arm  
13 still free?

14 So you've got all these correctional officers --  
15 and you'll see it on the video -- trying to figure out a way  
16 that they could get one arm, cuff it to a bar in the booking  
17 room, and they get the other arm and cuff it to a bar in the  
18 booking room. So you'll see the efforts that they made.

19 And then he was tased at that booking counter.

20 Now, the government would like you to believe that  
21 this young man was just gratuitously and sadistically tased  
22 by Mark Bryant and other correctional officers. I'm going to  
23 ask you, ladies and gentlemen, to carefully review the  
24 evidence, carefully look at these videos, and see if that's  
25 what Mr. Bryant and his colleagues were about on the evening

1 and night of November the 5th, 2016, if this is what they  
2 wanted to be doing, to be gratuitously inflicting pain and  
3 violence on Jordan Norris.

4 I think any reasonable construction on what  
5 happened that night will give you the completely opposite  
6 conclusion.

7 Now, the government has suggested to you in its  
8 opening statement that something Mark Bryant did on the night  
9 of November 5th, 2016, was contrary to the policy of the  
10 Cheatham County Sheriff's Office and the Cheatham County Jail  
11 as of November 5, 2016. And this is going to become a  
12 critical issue in your consideration of this case. The  
13 government has to prove to you that Mr. Bryant set about to  
14 willfully violate the constitutional rights of Mr. Norris.  
15 And part of that equation will be, well, what sort of  
16 training did he receive? Was he following his training? Was  
17 he ignoring his training?

18 I think, ladies and gentlemen, that after you hear  
19 all of this testimony, you are going to conclude that there  
20 was absolutely no coherent Taser policy in effect as of  
21 November 5, 2016.

22 The person that ran the jail, JJ Hannah, the jail  
23 administrator, I believe he still holds that job up in  
24 Cheatham County. When he was interviewed in connection with  
25 the case -- and I know I've got him on my list; I think the

1 government may have him on their list as well -- he said,  
2 "Candidly, at the time of the incident, we didn't have much  
3 of a policy on Tasers."

4           And be careful about these things that you're  
5 hearing. Well, that there was a policy that there could only  
6 be three tases, five seconds each in duration. They sort of  
7 throw that out there. See if that really was the policy  
8 after you hear the testimony of the people that ran the jail.

9           They did have a three-second -- I'm sorry -- a  
10 three-application, five-second-each policy, but it related to  
11 the Taser when -- and you may have seen it on television --  
12 when they're shooting it and the prongs shoot out from me to  
13 one of the jurors, and the prongs would shoot out and  
14 literally connect with somebody's body.

15           But as far as the tase that you're going to be  
16 hearing about over this next week or so, these are not  
17 prongs. This is where it's a contact with the Taser itself.

18           So what happens in the immediate aftermath of this  
19 event on November 5th, 2016? And you'll have to decide  
20 whether Mark Bryant had tried to lie to his superiors in  
21 these reports that he wrote. I think, ladies and gentlemen,  
22 that any fair reading of these reports will show that there  
23 was no intent on his part to mislead anybody.

24           Now, about a week after the incident, still in  
25 November of 2016, Mark Bryant was asked to come and talk to



1 JJ Hannah, the jail administrator, and Bob Whitt, his  
2 assistant. And Mr. Bryant complied and went and spoke with  
3 them. He met with Mr. Hannah, Mr. Whitt, and another  
4 administrator by the name of David Isherwood in the  
5 administration office. They showed the video.

6           They want to make you believe that all of this was  
7 shrouded in some mystery for many months. We're talking  
8 about a week or so after the event, Mark Bryant was in his  
9 superior's office looking at the video with him.

10           They asked Mark Bryant for his version of the  
11 story. And he gave them his version of the story as to what  
12 happened that night.

13           He didn't hear back from them. So in February of  
14 2017, he asked his supervisors -- he isn't trying to cover  
15 anything up and hide. He proactively asks his supervisors in  
16 February of 2017, "Where do I stand on this? Have you all  
17 taken a look at the events of November 5, 2016?"

18           And they said, "Yes, we've looked at it. We've  
19 reviewed it. It was justified. You're clear."

20           Well, that was the order of the day in February of  
21 2017 and that continued to be the order of the day and the  
22 conclusion of the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office until, in  
23 July of 2017, Channel 5 news, the CBS affiliate here in  
24 Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, carried a story on it. And the  
25 video somehow was in the hands of the Channel 5 news team.

1 And suddenly it wasn't okay anymore. Suddenly Mark Bryant  
2 had not been cleared anymore.

3 Despite the fact that they didn't have any real  
4 Taser policy that covered this situation, certainly no  
5 coherent Taser policy, Mark Bryant becomes expendable in all  
6 of this. Because they don't like the heat of seeing a video  
7 on Channel 5. And he, ladies and gentlemen, very much became  
8 the fall guy for the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office.

9 Now, the judge has told you in the preliminary  
10 instructions that he's given you this afternoon that you all  
11 are the judges of the facts. Which means that you've got the  
12 heavy lifting to do in this case. You're going to have to  
13 sift through all of the videos, all of the oral testimony,  
14 all of the evidence to try to decide what happened on  
15 November 5, 2016, and, more importantly, did Mark Bryant  
16 violate any policy of the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office.

17 Or, when you get right down to it, was Mark Bryant  
18 and the other officers that were with him that night -- you  
19 know, not been a lot said about the other officers that were  
20 working hand in hand with him that night. What were they  
21 doing? Were they reacting to a very fluid, dangerous,  
22 quickly evolving situation with Jordan Norris, or was this  
23 just some thing that they wanted to do because they wanted to  
24 inflict pain on Jordan Norris?

25 Now, remember, when you look at the conduct of

1 Mark Bryant and the other officers, you know, I would ask you  
2 not to look at it with the benefit of 20/20 hindsight.  
3 Mr. Bryant and these other officers certainly didn't have the  
4 luxury of sitting back and reflecting on everything that they  
5 were doing that evening. They were reacting.

6 I think it's also going to be clear to you that  
7 Mark Bryant was not indifferent to Jordan Norris. He was not  
8 indifferent to his colleagues and the situation that evening.  
9 He called the mobile crisis center. He called the nurse.  
10 They started and maintained a restraint chair log from the  
11 moment that they put Mr. Norris in that restraint chair. As  
12 I told you, Mr. Bryant pleaded with Mr. Norris, "Stop  
13 resisting. Relax. Please." And warned him. "I'm going to  
14 tase you if you don't obey."

15 In the end, ladies and gentlemen, it's going to be  
16 your job to decide, was Mark Bryant, somebody who you're  
17 going to hear testify, somebody who had a spotless employment  
18 record at the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office, who had been  
19 cleared by his supervisors until Channel 5 did their story in  
20 July of 2017, was he acting maliciously? Was he acting  
21 sadistically, for the sole purpose of inflicting harm on  
22 Jordan Norris? Or was he acting in good faith, in a  
23 good-faith effort to maintain and restore order in the jail  
24 that night?

25 They certainly didn't ask for this situation to be

1 foisted upon them. And they had to react to the situation  
2 any way that they could.

3 And, ladies and gentlemen, I think when you fully  
4 evaluate this situation, you will see that they reacted to it  
5 in a reasonable fashion. And it will be your duty to acquit.

6 Now, remember, this is a criminal case. Mark  
7 Bryant is not being sued civilly for excessive force. This  
8 is a criminal case. And I would ask you to give it your  
9 utmost serious attention. Thank you.

10 THE COURT: All right. Is the government ready to  
11 call its first witness?

12 MR. SONGER: We are, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Do the parties invoke the rule?

14 MR. STRIANSE: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: Okay. If you're going to be a witness  
16 in this case, then you need to step outside until you're  
17 called to testify.

18 All right. Who is your first witness?

19 MR. SONGER: The United States calls Josh  
20 Marriott.

21 COURT DEPUTY: Please raise your right hand.

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23 JOSH MARRIOTT,  
24 called as a witness by Plaintiff, was duly sworn and  
25 testified as follows:

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COURT DEPUTY: Please be seated.

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Please be sure to speak into the microphone.

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State your name and spell your last name.

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THE WITNESS: Josh Marriott, M-a-r-r-i-o-t-t.

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

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BY MR. SONGER:

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Q. Good afternoon, Officer Marriott. How are you?

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A. Good. How are you?

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Q. To introduce yourself to the jury, can you tell us where you're from?

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A. Cheatham County, Pleasant View, Tennessee.

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Q. And what do you do for work, sir?

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A. I work for the Cheatham County Sheriff's Department.

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Q. How long have you worked with the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office?

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A. A little over four years.

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Q. And what's your role at Cheatham County?

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A. Patrol deputy.

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Q. Now, at some point did you work inside the Cheatham County Jail?

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A. I did.

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Q. When was that?

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A. October 15th, 2015 to November 15th, 2018.

- 1 Q. 2015 to 2018?
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. And what was your position inside the jail?
- 4 A. Was a corrections deputy.
- 5 Q. And thinking back now to around November of 2016, was
- 6 there a shift that you typically worked?
- 7 A. Thinking back to 2016, I worked second, which was 2:00
- 8 to 10:00.
- 9 Q. 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.?
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 Q. Who was your supervisor on that shift?
- 12 A. Sgt. Roger Temple and Cpl. Mark Bryant.
- 13 Q. And which one of those officers would usually be running
- 14 the shift and supervising you?
- 15 A. Both of them. I mean, just depends.
- 16 Q. If the sergeant wasn't there, would Cpl. Bryant be in
- 17 charge?
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. And what was your relationship like with Officer Bryant?
- 20 A. Good friends outside of work and, you know, we worked
- 21 well together inside the jail.
- 22 Q. Were you roommates at one point?
- 23 A. At one point we were, yes.
- 24 Q. Was that back in 2016 when you were roommates?
- 25 A. It was after that. It was somewhere -- I don't remember

1 the exact dates, but we did live together. Yeah.

2 Q. And why did you move out? Why did you stop living  
3 together?

4 A. Got married.

5 Q. Do you still consider Mark Bryant to be a friend?

6 A. I do.

7 Q. Now, do officers inside the Cheatham County Jail carry  
8 Tasers?

9 A. We do.

10 Q. Can you just describe for us in general terms, what is a  
11 Taser?

12 A. It's an intermediate weapon system. It's an electronic  
13 device basically that's used to neutralize a threat.

14 Q. And is there more than one mode or one way to use a  
15 Taser?

16 A. There is. There's one mode you can actually -- it will  
17 shoot out two prongs, and then there's another -- excuse  
18 me -- another mode that will -- it's called a drive-stun.

19 Q. If you need any water, there's some right next to you,  
20 too. Feel free to pull a glass.

21 And so, of those two, so the prong mode that would  
22 shoot out and the stun mode, which was the one that was more  
23 commonly used inside the jail?

24 A. Drive-stun was more commonly used.

25 Q. And can you tell us what happens when an officer tases

1 someone in drive-stun mode? What does it do?

2 A. To the person?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. I mean, it -- it just locks everything up. You know,  
5 you -- you can't move once you're being tased.

6 Q. And how long does one cycle of the Taser last?

7 A. One burst is five seconds.

8 Q. Is it possible for an officer to keep the Taser going  
9 longer than five seconds?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How does that work?

12 A. As long as you're holding the trigger, you know, the  
13 Taser, it will continuously tase.

14 Q. Do you have to keep holding the trigger down to keep the  
15 Taser going?

16 A. If you pull the trigger once and let off the trigger, it  
17 will run for five seconds regardless. But if you continue to  
18 hold the trigger, it will just continue to operate.

19 Q. Now, sir, have you yourself ever been tased?

20 A. I have.

21 Q. Which of the modes was that in?

22 A. Both.

23 Q. And how long were you tased in the drive-stun mode, the  
24 more common one?

25 A. Five seconds.



1 Q. Did you make it the full five seconds?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. How did it feel?

4 A. It's not fun.

5 Q. Can you compare that feeling to anything else you've  
6 felt?

7 A. I mean, best way that I can describe it is being hit  
8 with a metal chair, is how it -- hot it feels. It's just  
9 a -- it's a constant pain for five seconds.

10 Q. Now, did you, yourself, carry a Taser when you worked in  
11 the jail?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. And did you ever have to use it?

14 A. One time.

15 Q. Can you briefly just tell us about the circumstances of  
16 that time.

17 A. We were trying to put an inmate into the restraint  
18 chair, and we had him cuffed behind the back. And as we were  
19 uncuffing him, he got one of his hands free and took the  
20 other cuff and put it around his knuckles, like a -- kind of  
21 like a brass knuckle, and he hit me in the side.

22           And we were trying to get him restrained to get  
23 him under control, and I pulled the Taser, told him that I  
24 would tase him, and tased him for maybe two seconds, two or  
25 three seconds.

1 Q. So he physically hit you with the cuff?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. With the metal cuff?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And what happened after you tased him for those two or  
6 three seconds?

7 A. We got control of the situation.

8 Q. You didn't need to tase him any longer than that?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. Is there any other time when you worked in the jail that  
11 you had to use a Taser?

12 A. That's the only time.

13 Q. Now, before you started or -- being able to carry a  
14 Taser in the jail, did you have to complete any training or  
15 certification?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who taught your training course?

18 A. Sgt. Gary Ola.

19 Q. Did he teach other officers as well or just you?

20 A. He did.

21 Q. And were you responsible for understanding the material  
22 that Sgt. Ola taught you?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Were you obligated to follow what you were taught in  
25 training?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Now, after you completed the training, did you get any  
3 kind of a certificate or proof that you had been certified?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. If you would, please, sir, turn to Tab Number 4 in the  
6 binder that's in front of you. That's what's been marked as  
7 Government's Exhibit Number 4.

8 A. (Witness complies.)

9 Q. Do you recognize that?

10 A. I do.

11 Q. And what is it?

12 A. It's a certificate for my Taser training.

13 Q. Does it appear to be an accurate copy of the certificate  
14 you received?

15 A. Yes.

16 MR. SONGER: The government would move to admit  
17 Exhibit Number 4.

18 MR. STRIANSE: No objection.

19 THE COURT: Admitted.

20 (Whereupon Plaintiff Exhibit 4 was marked for  
21 identification and received in evidence.)

22 MR. SONGER: May we publish it for the jury?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 BY MR. SONGER:

25 Q. What's the date of your training on the certificate?

1 A. October 23rd, 2015.

2 Q. Is that the date that you completed the training?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you remember any other officers who were in your  
5 training class?

6 A. There were several of us. I mean, I started with eight  
7 people, and all those eight people were in that class with  
8 me.

9 Q. Do you remember specifically any of the people that were  
10 in there?

11 A. Judy King, Eric Prosignate [phonetic], Becka -- I can't  
12 remember her last name -- Brandon Reasonover, Eric Walker.  
13 There was several of us. Yeah, I can't remember them all.

14 Q. Was Mark Bryant in your training class?

15 A. He was.

16 Q. All right. You can take that down. Thank you.

17 Do all officers in the same training class receive  
18 the same training?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. In other words, you don't split up into different groups  
21 or anything like that?

22 A. No.

23 Q. So I would like to go over just some of the basic core  
24 principles that you were taught in that training with Mark  
25 Bryant.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. So, based on the training, were you told when -- when  
3 were officers allowed to use a Taser, in what situations?

4 A. To neutralize a threat.

5 Q. To neutralize a threat?

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. Any other situation?

8 A. To neutralize a threat.

9 Q. Based on that training that you and Mark Bryant took,  
10 were officers allowed to use a Taser to punish someone?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And were they allowed to use a Taser after a threat was  
13 already under control?

14 A. No.

15 Q. And did the same standards apply to the drive-stun mode  
16 that we've been talking about and the other mode, the probes?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now, if there was a threat that would cause an officer  
19 to use a Taser, were there limits on how long you were  
20 allowed to tase someone?

21 A. No more than 15 seconds.

22 Q. So what does that mean in practice?

23 A. So each burst -- like I said, you hit the trigger, pull  
24 your finger off the trigger, it's a five-second burst -- no  
25 more than three times.

1 Q. No more than three times of five seconds each?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. And you were told that in the training that you took  
4 with Mark Bryant?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. Were you also taught to use the least amount of force as  
7 necessary to stop a threat?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. And were you told why officers were not permitted to  
10 tase someone for more than those three five-second bursts?

11 A. It can cause, you know, heart palpitations. You know,  
12 it's been medically proven, if you have a heart condition,  
13 that it can, you know, affect your heart.

14 Q. And I'm sorry. I'm having a little trouble hearing you.  
15 Did you say "heart palpitations"?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. That if you tase someone beyond that, it can cause heart  
18 problems?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. Now, in that time, was there any specific policy or  
21 training in the jail about whether officers were allowed to  
22 tase someone who had already been put in a restraint chair?

23 A. I mean, if they were -- they're not supposed to be  
24 restrained -- or excuse me -- they're not supposed to be  
25 tased if they're fully restrained.

1 Q. They're not supposed to be --

2 A. Right.

3 Q. -- tased if they --

4 A. If they're fully restrained.

5 THE COURT: Yeah. Don't talk over each other.  
6 Start over.

7 MR. SONGER: I'm sorry, Your Honor.

8 Q. Can you repeat what are your restrictions on tasing  
9 someone who had been placed in a restraint chair?

10 A. Someone is not supposed to be tased if they are  
11 physically restrained, fully restrained in a restraint chair.

12 Q. And did all the other standards that we talked about  
13 apply to people who were in restraint chairs?

14 A. Repeat the question. I'm sorry.

15 Q. Sure. The other standards for using a Taser that we've  
16 been discussing, did those also apply to people who had been  
17 put in restraint chairs? Such as not tasing more than three  
18 times at five seconds each?

19 A. Right. Yes.

20 Q. Using the least amount of force necessary?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Only tasing to stop a threat?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. All those standards applied?

25 A. (No response.)

1 THE COURT: You need to answer the question.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes. They still apply.

3 BY MR. SONGER:

4 Q. So I think you told us you worked in a jail for about  
5 three years; is that right?

6 A. A little over three years, yes.

7 Q. During your time in the jail, is it common for you to  
8 encounter inmates who are unstable?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. How often did you encounter inmates who had some kind of  
11 substance abuse problems?

12 A. Every day.

13 Q. How often did you encounter inmates who had some kind of  
14 mental disturbance?

15 A. Every day.

16 Q. Did you encounter inmates who were aggressive sometimes?

17 A. Every day.

18 Q. Were you allowed to use Tasers to punish those inmates?

19 A. Not to punish them, no.

20 Q. Were you expected to treat those inmates appropriately?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Sir, I would now like to direct your attention to the  
23 night of November 5th of 2016.

24 Do you remember that night?

25 A. I do.



- 1 Q. Were you working at the jail that night?
- 2 A. I was.
- 3 Q. And which shift were you working?
- 4 A. The second shift, 2:00 to 10:00.
- 5 Q. And who was your supervisor that night?
- 6 A. Cpl. Mark Bryant.
- 7 Q. Was there a sergeant or anyone else higher than him on
- 8 duty that night?
- 9 A. No, sir.
- 10 Q. He was the top person at the jail then?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And did you encounter an inmate named Jordan Norris?
- 13 A. We did.
- 14 Q. How old was Jordan?
- 15 A. Eighteen or 19.
- 16 Q. And can you describe him for us? About how big was he?
- 17 A. Not real tall. You know, five-six, something like that,
- 18 possibly, and 150 pounds, roughly.
- 19 Q. Now, at some point did you or other officers have to
- 20 remove Mr. Norris from his cell?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And why was that?
- 23 A. He was becoming aggressive in the cell, aggressive
- 24 towards other inmates, screaming, yelling, belligerent.
- 25 Q. What officers were involved in that process of taking

1 Jordan Norris out of his cell?

2 A. Mark Bryant, Jeff Key, and myself. Mark Bryant and Jeff  
3 pulled Jordan Norris out of the cell. And Mark told me to  
4 grab the restraint chair, to get it ready.

5 Q. Was there any other officer involved?

6 A. Caitlin was in the -- in the booking area as well. And  
7 at one point in time we called Dan -- excuse me -- Daniel  
8 Bratton from the sally port up to booking.

9 Q. And just to be clear, when you say Caitlin, who are you  
10 talking about?

11 A. My wife, Caitlin Johnson.

12 Q. Is her name Caitlin Marriott now?

13 A. It is Caitlin Marriott, yes.

14 Q. So what happened as officers were taking Jordan out of  
15 his cell?

16 A. Jordan began to fight, and we were trying to get him  
17 cuffed. I was getting the chair ready. Mark and Jeff pulled  
18 him out of the cell, were trying to get him cuffed behind the  
19 back. And he continued to resist. He continued to fight.

20 Q. At some point did officers have to use a Taser?

21 A. We called someone -- I'm not -- I'm not aware who  
22 called, but Daniel Bratton was called up to the booking  
23 office. And he did use the Taser -- the drive-stun at one  
24 point in time to try to get him to be able to get cuffed  
25 behind his back. Jordan Norris cuffed behind his back.

1 Q. And at the time that Officer Bratton drive-stun tased  
2 Jordan, had he already been handcuffed?

3 A. No, not yet.

4 Q. Was he still fighting?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And about how long did those tases from Officer Bratton  
7 last?

8 A. More than a couple seconds -- I know more than a couple  
9 seconds. It wasn't a very long tase.

10 Q. But five seconds or less?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. And how would you describe Jordan Norris sort of at that  
13 moment, how he was acting?

14 A. He was belligerent, very belligerent, very -- just hard  
15 to handle. He's a smaller guy. I, myself, Jeff, and Mark  
16 were bigger guys, and we had a hard time getting control of  
17 him.

18 Q. How would you compare him to other inmates that you  
19 encountered at the jail?

20 A. He was definitely -- he was harder to handle than --  
21 than most.

22 Q. But were you able to get him under control after those  
23 brief, five-second-or-less tases?

24 A. Eventually, yes.

25 Q. And were you and the other officers able to get him into

1 the restraint chair?

2 A. We were.

3 Q. And once you placed Jordan in the restraint chair, then  
4 what did you do?

5 A. We placed him in the restraint chair, and then you  
6 have -- to restrain him with the restraints. So seatbelts is  
7 kind of what they're like. You have some that come over the  
8 shoulders, one that goes across the lap, two on his wrists,  
9 and then two on his ankles.

10 At this point in time when we first put him in  
11 there, his hands were still behind his back in handcuffs.

12 Q. And at some point did you take his hands out of the  
13 handcuffs?

14 A. Yeah, eventually we did.

15 Q. Why did you do that?

16 A. It is to -- you know, to be able to stretch his arms. I  
17 mean, the restraint chairs are not built for comfort, you  
18 know. And you have to -- I mean, if your hands are in a  
19 certain position for so long, your hands go to sleep, you can  
20 lose blood supply, you know. Hands start turning purple.

21 Q. Was this standard practice, to uncuff an inmate's hands  
22 in a restraint chair?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. So it wasn't anything special that you did for Jordan  
25 that night?

1 A. No.

2 Q. It wasn't like some offer of charity to him?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Now, when officers place a person in a restraint chair,  
5 is there any kind of record or documentation they have to  
6 complete?

7 A. There is.

8 Q. And what is that?

9 A. It's a restraint chair log. And we log -- we check  
10 every 15 minutes, you know, check their restraints, make sure  
11 they're not too tight, or tight enough, you know, that they  
12 can't slip them. You know, we offer them water. You know,  
13 whatever we need to do.

14 Q. Okay. Could you please turn to Tab 37 in the binder  
15 that's in front of you.

16 Do you recognize that document?

17 A. I do.

18 Q. What is that?

19 A. That is the restraint chair log.

20 Q. And is that a standard form that you complete every time  
21 you put somebody in the chair?

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. SONGER: The government would move to admit  
24 Exhibit 37.

25 MR. STRIANSE: No objection.

1 THE COURT: Admitted.

2 (Whereupon Plaintiff Exhibit 37 was marked for  
3 identification and received in evidence.)

4 MR. SONGER: May we publish it for the jury?

5 THE COURT: Yes.

6 BY MR. SONGER:

7 Q. And if we could please zoom in on the top half on the  
8 document.

9 Is this the restraint chair log that you filled  
10 out that night?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So, just reading across at the top line, it says 1858 --  
13 or that's 6:58 p.m., right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. It says placed in the chair?

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. With hands cuffed behind?

18 A. (No response.)

19 THE COURT: Okay. You need to verbalize. Don't  
20 say "uh-huh," "huh-uh".

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY MR. SONGER:

23 Q. Did I read that correctly?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And which officer's initials are at the end of that

1 line?

2 A. Mark Bryant's.

3 Q. Is that when you remember Jordan Norris being placed in  
4 the restraint chair that night --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- about 7:00?

7 And then it looks like 12 minutes later, about  
8 7:10 p.m., the form indicates that cuffs were removed; is  
9 that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Is that consistent with what you remember?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And then it looks like at 7:26 and again 7:38, the  
14 status of Jordan Norris is listed as calm; is that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And which officer initialed both of those lines?

17 A. Mark Bryant.

18 Q. So was it right that Jordan Norris was calm for a while  
19 after you put him in the restraint chair?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And then the next line, 1955, or 7:55 p.m., almost 8:00,  
22 it says that he was very combative.

23 Do you remember that? Do you remember Jordan  
24 getting combative again?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. At that point did you have to go deal with Jordan in the  
2 restraint chair again?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. SONGER: Thank you, Ms. Aroner. You can take  
5 that down.

6 Q. So tell us, why did you go back over and deal with  
7 Jordan Norris in the chair at that point?

8 A. I believe at this time Jordan got free of -- one of his  
9 restraints, on his right hand.

10 Q. And which restraint was loose or free?

11 A. His right hand.

12 Q. Okay. Were any of the other restraints you described a  
13 moment ago free?

14 A. No.

15 Q. He was still on those?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And so what did you do?

18 A. I believe Jeff Key went over first and grabbed his arm,  
19 trying to get it in the restraint. At that point in time  
20 Jordan Norris started thrashing, trying to head butt, trying  
21 to spit. So we put a spit mask, which it is a mesh net that  
22 goes over the face so the spit cannot be projected.

23 Anyways, and he was still trying to thrash and  
24 head butt. Mark and I came over. And I grabbed Jordan  
25 Norris's head -- underneath the jaw, there's pressure



1 points -- underneath the jawline. And I grabbed underneath  
2 the jaw to keep him from, you know, head butting Mark or Jeff  
3 Key.

4 And at that point in time we tried to get his arm  
5 in the restraint and he was still being combative.

6 Q. Okay. Will you now turn please to Tab 11?

7 A. Tab 11?

8 Q. Yes. And are there surveillance videos in the jail?

9 A. There are.

10 Q. And where in the jail was this happening, this incident  
11 that you were describing right now?

12 A. In booking.

13 Q. Do the cameras in the jail show the booking area?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Now, there's a CD behind that tab?

16 A. There is.

17 Q. Do you know what it shows?

18 A. The video of this incident.

19 Q. And how do you know that's what it is?

20 A. I've reviewed this. And my signature is on it.

21 Q. Is that video an accurate depiction of what happened at  
22 this time in the jail?

23 A. Yes.

24 MR. SONGER: The government would move to admit  
25 Exhibit 11.

1 MR. STRIANSE: No objection.

2 THE COURT: Admitted.

3 (Whereupon Plaintiff Exhibit 11 was marked for  
4 identification and received in evidence.)

5 MR. SONGER: May we publish it for the jury?

6 THE COURT: Yes.

7 MR. SONGER: Ms. Aroner, if we could please bring  
8 up -- we'll start at 2 minutes and 38 seconds into this  
9 video.

10 Q. And before we play it, Officer Marriott, I would just  
11 like to identify the people that we can see here.

12 First of all, who is the individual in the black  
13 who is sitting in the chair?

14 A. That would be Jordan Norris.

15 Q. And who is standing behind him, holding on to his head?

16 A. That would be me.

17 Q. All right. And the officer on Jordan's right -- so on  
18 the left side of the screen, who is kneeling down -- who is  
19 that?

20 THE COURT: Do you have a pointer?

21 MR. SONGER: I don't, Your Honor. I'm sorry.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

23 THE WITNESS: That would be Jeff Key.

24 BY MR. SONGER:

25 Q. Wearing the black hat?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. That's Jeff Key?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And who is the individual kneeling in front of Jordan  
5 Norris?

6 A. Mark Bryant.

7 Q. And what are the three of you trying to accomplish right  
8 now?

9 A. Getting his hand back into the restraint.

10 Q. And just remind us, which hand is not fully restrained  
11 right now?

12 A. His right hand.

13 MR. SONGER: Can we play the first clip, please.

14 (Exhibit played.)

15 BY MR. SONGER:

16 Q. Now, near the end of that clip it looked like another  
17 officer walked over and handed something to Officer Bryant;  
18 is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who was that officer that came over?

21 A. Caitlin Johnson.

22 Q. Do you know why she came over?

23 A. I believe Mark Bryant asked her to bring the Taser.

24 Q. And is that what she brought to him?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And is that Officer Bryant holding the Taser against  
2 Jordan's chest right now?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. At this point, you're still holding Jordan's  
5 head; right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. In that posture, can Jordan hurt the other officers with  
8 his head?

9 A. No.

10 Q. All right. Are his shoulders or upper body restrained?

11 A. Not the way they're supposed to be, but, yes, they are  
12 restrained.

13 Q. Are there straps across his shoulders?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Where is his left arm?

16 A. Restrained.

17 Q. Is it tied down on the chair?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Are there any restraints on his feet?

20 A. There are.

21 Q. What restraints are on his feet?

22 A. He's got two ankle restraints on both ankles.

23 Q. Can he kick officers right now?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And you said that his -- it's his right arm that was

1 loose from the restraints, correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And what's happening with his right arm at the moment?

4 A. Jeff and Mark have ahold of it.

5 Q. They're both holding it?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. With those officers holding it, was he able to hit  
8 anyone or threaten officers?

9 A. No.

10 Q. All right. In this posture, do you see any threat that  
11 justifies tasing Jordan?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Not for any amount of time at all?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Now, when a Taser in the drive-stun mode is activated,  
16 when it's actually fired and used on someone, does it make  
17 any sound?

18 A. It makes a popping sound.

19 MR. SONGER: Play the next portion, please.

20 (Exhibit played.)

21 BY MR. SONGER:

22 Q. What just happened in that video that we watched?

23 A. What just happened?

24 Q. Yeah.

25 A. Mark Bryant tased Jordan Norris.

1 Q. Was it in the drive-stun mode that you were talking  
2 about?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. How many times did he tase him?

5 A. Roughly four or five, I think.

6 Q. How long did those tases last?

7 A. Too long.

8 Q. How long did it feel like to you?

9 A. At the time? Are you talking about during right now or  
10 are you talking about at the time?

11 Q. Well, first tell me right now, do you know how long  
12 those were?

13 A. Had to be -- it was more than 15 seconds.

14 Q. And during -- through all four times that he was tased,  
15 did -- were you able to keep control of Jordan's head?

16 A. I was.

17 Q. Was he ever able to head butt anybody while he was being  
18 tased?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Was Officer Key able to keep control of Jordan's one arm  
21 that's loose?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did Jordan ever get that arm up or hit and threaten  
24 anyone?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Throughout the entire time he was tased, did he ever get  
2 his feet free at all and be able to try to kick anyone?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did he do anything to threaten anyone during the entire  
5 time that he was being tased?

6 A. Not physically, no.

7 Q. All right. And, based on your training which you've  
8 been taught at the jail, is that appropriate?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Why not?

11 A. It was overdone.

12 Q. And leaving aside the specific rules that you were  
13 trained on, just based on your personal common sense and your  
14 experience as a law enforcement officer, did you see any  
15 reason to tase Jordan that long?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Now, did Mark Bryant make any statements to Jordan while  
18 he was tasing him?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What did he say?

21 A. He said, "I can do this until the batteries run out."

22 Q. Did you also hear him say, "You don't like it, do you?"

23 A. It was hard to hear in that video, but, yes, he did say  
24 that.

25 Q. You're familiar with his voice, right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And he said that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Is there any context where it's appropriate to say that
- 5 while you're tasing someone?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Now, after this happened, did you talk to Mark Bryant
- 8 about what he had done?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. What did he say to you?
- 11 A. I mean, he was concerned.
- 12 Q. What was he concerned about?
- 13 A. Just that -- you know, the whole situation. I mean, it
- 14 wasn't good. You know, he was concerned. Said he was going
- 15 to speak to administration about it.
- 16 Q. Did he say what he was concerned about was going to
- 17 happen?
- 18 A. Not to my recollection he did, but he did -- you know,
- 19 he just said that he was concerned about it and wanted to
- 20 talk to admin.
- 21 Q. Did he say why he was concerned?
- 22 A. Maybe that he overdone it.
- 23 Q. Did he say he thought he had gone too far?
- 24 A. What's that?
- 25 Q. Did he say he thought he had gone too far?



1 A. Potentially, yes.

2 Q. Is that what you remember?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Now, when an officer uses -- excuse me -- uses a Taser,  
5 what type of documentation is required?

6 A. A use of force and an incident report.

7 Q. And what information are officers required to put in  
8 those reports? What information are you required to put in  
9 those reports?

10 A. Just the -- so, if it's an incident report, the incident  
11 that occurred. So, of course, you would -- we would have to  
12 document what happened, why we put him in the chair; you  
13 know, that we tased him, so on and so forth.

14 And use of force is what kind of use of force that  
15 we used, you know, whether it's hands on, whether it's  
16 tasing, you know, strikes, grappling.

17 Q. Are officers required to document each time they use a  
18 Taser?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Explain what the justification for using the Taser each  
21 time is?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Now -- scratch that.

24 Are you also required to use reports -- excuse  
25 me -- required to submit reports when you use other types of

1 force?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Does that include using hands-on force?

4 A. Yes. Hands-on, grappling.

5 Q. So the type of force you were using in this incident  
6 when you're holding Jordan's head, would that require you to  
7 fill out a report?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Now, did you fill out a report for this incident?

10 A. No, I did not. I did an incident report, but I didn't  
11 do a use of force report.

12 Q. Why didn't you do a use of force report for this  
13 incident?

14 A. Because Mark Bryant told me that he would take care of  
15 it.

16 Q. Is there any other time when you've worked at the jail  
17 when Mark Bryant's ever told you not to report something?

18 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

19 Q. Did you file a report for the incident earlier in the  
20 night when you guys had to take Jordan out of his cell?

21 A. Did we file a use of force? I don't think that I did.

22 No. Not for -- are you saying taking him out of the cell?

23 Q. Uh-huh.

24 A. Is that your question?

25 Q. Yes.

1 A. Yes, I did do a use of force, I'm sorry. Or an incident  
2 report.

3 Q. Let me ask you this: What if there's more than one  
4 incident on the same shift? Are you required to do just one  
5 report that has everything or a separate report for each time  
6 you use force?

7 A. Separate -- excuse me. Separate incidences, separate  
8 reports.

9 Q. So -- and you took Jordan out of the cell at -- what? --  
10 about 7:00 tonight?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. That night?

13 A. (Indicating affirmatively.)

14 Q. And this happened about an hour later, right?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. So did the policy require you to do two separate  
17 reports?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. And did you do a report for that first incident when you  
20 took him out of the cell?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. But did you do a report for the second incident right  
23 here where he was tased by Mark Bryant?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And why didn't you do that report?

1 A. Because Mark said that he would take care of it.

2 Q. All right. Would you please turn now to Tab Number 25.

3 What is that document?

4 A. That is an incident report.

5 Q. And what's the date on that report?

6 A. November 5th, 2016.

7 Q. Is that the date that this happened?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And which officer submitted that report?

10 A. Mark Bryant.

11 Q. Are you listed as one of the officers who was involved?

12 A. I am.

13 MR. SONGER: The government would move to admit  
14 Exhibit Number 25.

15 MR. STRIANSE: No objection.

16 THE COURT: Admitted.

17 (Whereupon Plaintiff Exhibit 25 was marked for  
18 identification and received in evidence.)

19 MR. SONGER: May we publish it?

20 THE COURT: Yes.

21 BY MR. SONGER:

22 Q. So, just to be clear, who submitted this report?

23 A. Mark Bryant did.

24 Q. Is that Mark Bryant's signature at the bottom?

25 A. It is.

1 Q. And then, focusing on the top half of the report, what  
2 time is indicated?

3 A. 1855.

4 Q. 6:55 p.m.?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Is that the time that you took Jordan Norris out of the  
7 cell originally?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Where we talked about where he had to be briefly tased  
10 by Officer Bratton?

11 A. (Witness moves head up and down.)

12 Q. And then you got him into the cell; is that right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. That was at 6:55?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. Sorry. Can we show the entire narrative.

17 And if you would look about two-thirds of the way  
18 down. And we'll blow out the language.

19 Do you see the sentence that says "Deputy Bratton  
20 and I tased"?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Now, did -- this is Mark Bryant's report.

23 Did Mark Bryant and Deputy Bratton tase Jordan at  
24 the same time?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Did -- how far apart were those two incidents when they  
2 tased?

3 A. About an hour apart, roughly, I think.

4 Q. An hour apart.

5 Bratton tased in the first incident; Mark Bryant  
6 tased in the second incident?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And in the time that Bratton tased, is that at 6:55,  
9 which is the time on this report?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Is there anything in this report that indicates that  
12 Mark Bryant tased Jordan Norris at 8:00, an hour later?

13 A. No.

14 Q. All right. Now, if you look down at the very bottom, at  
15 the last line of the report, it says that mobile crisis  
16 arrived at 2122, or 9:22 p.m.; is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So, if we just assume this was a report that Mark Bryant  
19 did that was supposed to describe both incidents, I just want  
20 to be clear, is there anything in this report that says how  
21 many times Mark Bryant tased Jordan at 8:00?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Is there anything in this report about how long Mark  
24 Bryant tased Jordan for?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Does the report say that at the time Mark Bryant tased  
2 Jordan, most of Jordan's body was in the restraint chair and  
3 tied down?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Does the report indicate that Officer Jeff Key was  
6 holding Jordan's arm at the time that Mark Bryant tased him?

7 A. No.

8 Q. None of that information is here?

9 A. No.

10 Q. You were there for this incident.

11 Does this report give you an accurate picture of  
12 what happened at 8:00 when Mark Bryant tased Jordan?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. Take that down. Thank you.

15 So going back now to the 8:00, when Mark Bryant  
16 tased Jordan four times, those long tases of video we just  
17 watched. Was Mark Bryant your supervisor at that time?

18 A. He was.

19 Q. Did you try to stop him while he was tasing?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Why not?

22 A. In the heat of the moment, didn't know, you know, how  
23 long it was going on. I was focused on holding Jordan  
24 Norris's head. I didn't know, you know, how long he was  
25 tasing him. You know, so I didn't stop.

1 Q. Now that you've had time to reflect on what actually  
2 happened, how do you feel about this?

3 A. It was definitely overdone.

4 Q. Do you wish you had done anything differently that  
5 night?

6 A. If I could have, yeah.

7 MR. SONGER: Just one moment, Your Honor.

8 Q. And just to be crystal clear, sir, did what Mark Bryant  
9 did violate the policies and training that you had at that  
10 time?

11 A. Yes.

12 MR. SONGER: Nothing further right now. Thank  
13 you.

14 THE COURT: All right. Cross-examination.

15

16 CROSS-EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. STRIANSE:

18 Q. Good afternoon, Officer Marriott.

19 A. How are you, sir?

20 Q. Do you remember being interviewed in connection with  
21 this case by the TBI and the FBI on August the 2nd of 2017?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. I think you had been placed on administrative leave by  
24 that point in time; is that right?

25 A. I had.



1 Q. And do you remember talking -- I think it was Special  
2 Agent Atkins with TBI?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And was Joy Wright there, present at the time --

5 A. She was.

6 Q. -- a special agent with the FBI?

7 A. She was.

8 Q. And in advance of your testimony here today, did you  
9 listen to that pretty lengthy audio interview?

10 A. Did I listen to it?

11 Q. Yes, sir. Have you listened to it?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. When was the last time that you actually listened to  
14 your August 2nd, 2017, audio interview?

15 A. I haven't listened to it.

16 Q. I'm sorry?

17 A. I have not listened to it.

18 Q. Okay. Do you remember describing what you characterized  
19 as the "hard hand" technique of putting your -- I think we  
20 just saw it in the video, putting your hands or your fingers  
21 up under your jawline?

22 THE COURT: I don't think your microphone -- I'm  
23 sorry. Your microphone is not on.

24 MR. STRIANSE: I'm sorry. Forgive me, Judge.

25 Q. Putting your fingers up under the jawline of Jordan

1 Norris; is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And I think we saw that in the video that was just shown  
4 to the jury a few minutes ago?

5 A. We did.

6 Q. And you did that because you believed that he was trying  
7 to head butt someone; is that right?

8 A. He was.

9 Q. And in terms of the force continuum that you've been  
10 trained on as a correctional officer when you used to work in  
11 the jail, it's sort of a stair-stepped approach from lightest  
12 to heaviest in terms of force; is that right?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Least amount of force up to the most amount of force; is  
15 that correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And I think on the continuum, the least amount is to  
18 talk to somebody --

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. -- correct? See if you can get that individual to see  
21 reason and follow instructions?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. The next level up would be, I think, a soft hand, maybe  
24 an escort or something like that; is that right?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. And then above that would be the Taser; is that correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And above that would be what they call the hard hand  
4 technique --

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. -- correct?

7 What you were doing when you were trying to gain  
8 control of Mr. Norris?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Now, you certainly were not doing that to punish  
11 Mr. Norris?

12 A. Absolutely not.

13 Q. You were not doing that to be sadistic to Mr. Norris?

14 A. Absolutely not.

15 Q. You were not trying to be malicious to him?

16 A. Absolutely not.

17 Q. Then and there, on November 5, 2016, after he had been  
18 extracted from the cell, you had grave concerns about him  
19 trying to head butt you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Head butt other officers?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. I think you described this to investigators as you had  
24 never seen anybody this impaired; is that right?

25 A. That is correct.

1 Q. I think you may have used language like he was  
2 possessed?

3 A. Yeah, I did. Yes.

4 Q. And seemed to be basically out of his mind; is that  
5 right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Now, in the course of that interview on August the 2nd  
8 of 2017, you were asked about this restraint chair that we  
9 saw in the video; is that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you candidly told the agents that that was an old  
12 chair?

13 A. It is, yeah.

14 Q. And it was worn out?

15 A. (Witness moves head up and down.)

16 Q. Is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I think it had been in the jail for a number of years;  
19 is that right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And I think the Velcro straps had begun to wear out?

22 A. They had.

23 Q. Is that right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. I think you indicated in response to one of Mr. Songer's

1 questions a few minutes ago that although the shoulder straps  
2 were on the chair, they were not properly on Mr. Norris; is  
3 that right? Correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. I think they can be seen in the video sort of falling  
6 off of his shoulders; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you made the decision to put that so-called spit  
9 mask over Jordan Norris's head; is that right?

10 A. I don't think that I did. But it was -- it was made.  
11 Yeah, the decision was made, and it was put on his head, yes.

12 Q. Do you remember who actually put it over his --

13 A. I want to say Jeff Key did, but I'm not 100 percent sure  
14 on that.

15 Q. And, again, that wasn't done to make fun of Jordan  
16 Norris?

17 A. No.

18 Q. The reason was that he was spitting?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. And yelling?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. And screaming?

23 A. (Witness moves head up and down.)

24 Q. And you all couldn't get control of him?

25 A. Right.

1 Q. And the 8:00 p.m. incident that the jury just saw,  
2 wasn't that Jeff Key, who is a large man, that was struggling  
3 with the right arm that had become free from the soft  
4 restraint?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. I think the -- the chair record that you identified  
7 before -- the restraint chair log, is what I'm struggling to  
8 say -- shows that he gets into the chair at about 6:58; is  
9 that right?

10 A. Something like that.

11 Q. Something like that, 1858. And then, within about 20  
12 minutes, a decision is made -- because at that point when  
13 he's put in the chair he's got his arms behind his back; is  
14 that right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And he's got the metal cuffs behind his back?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And I think you told the jury that that chair is not  
19 built for comfort?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. So there comes a point in time that a decision is  
22 made -- I assume in conjunction with Mr. Bryant -- to move  
23 his hands to the front?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. And to put him in those soft restraints; is that right?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Is that when, quite frankly, things sort of came off the  
3 rails?

4 A. I don't remember if it was before that -- excuse me --  
5 after that or if it was during this point in time when we  
6 went to go, you know, take the cuffs off, put him in  
7 restraints. I don't know if it was at that point in time or  
8 if it was a little later on when -- you know what I'm saying?  
9 I don't know if he went combative as soon as we took the  
10 cuffs or -- I mean, he was in restraints already, if that  
11 makes sense.

12 Q. But he became combative again when he had the freedom of  
13 his hands in front of him?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. In the soft restraints?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And he was able to actually move his right arm six,  
18 eight, ten inches away from his body; is that right?

19 A. Somewhere in that line, yeah.

20 Q. And that's why Jeff Key is holding on to him so  
21 desperately; is that right?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And Mark Bryant is talking to him before he administers  
24 these tases; is that right?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. Okay. Now, you just told the jury that you felt like  
2 the tases in hindsight were inappropriate --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- is that right?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Is that what you're telling the jury?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Well, you certainly didn't say that to Mark Bryant on  
9 November 5th, 2016; is that right?

10 A. At the time, you know, it didn't seem like it was that  
11 bad. I felt we had to do what we had to do. After watching  
12 the video at a later date, it seemed, you know -- it -- you  
13 know, it looks way worse than what I remember it being,  
14 watching the video.

15 Q. And you -- and we talk about the video.

16 It was no shock to you that you all were always  
17 under the cameras there?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. And you memorialized what you did in at least two  
20 reports that night; is that right?

21 A. I believe so.

22 Q. And I'm not sure that they're government exhibits, but  
23 let me ask you about them.

24 I have exhibit tabs on this one but not on this  
25 one.



1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. STRIANSE: May I borrow one? Thank you.

3 Q. Do you remember authoring a use of force report with the  
4 event dated November 5, 2016, at 1855?

5 A. I don't think that I did a use of force. I think I did  
6 an incident report.

7 Q. Well, let me show it to you and see if this refreshes  
8 your recollection.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. And 1855 would be 6:55; is that right?

11 A. That is correct.

12 MR. STRIANSE: May I approach the witness, Your  
13 Honor?

14 THE COURT: The court officer can help you.

15 BY MR. STRIANSE:

16 Q. Take a look at that, Officer Marriott, and see if that  
17 refreshes your recollection of doing a report on November 5.

18 A. (Reviews document.) Yes.

19 Q. You recognize that report?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. That's your report?

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. STRIANSE: Your Honor, we would offer that as  
24 Defendant's 1.

25 THE COURT: And this is his use of force report on

1 November 5 --

2 MR. STRIANSE: November 5, 2016, at 1855, or  
3 6:55 p.m., on Saturday, November 5.

4 THE COURT: Exhibit number what?

5 MR. STRIANSE: 1, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: All right. Any objection?

7 MR. SONGER: No objection.

8 THE COURT: It will be admitted.

9 MR. STRIANSE: Thank you, Judge.

10 (Whereupon Defense Exhibit 1 was marked for  
11 identification and received in evidence.)

12 BY MR. STRIANSE:

13 Q. It's a short report. Can you read the narrative  
14 section?

15 A. I can.

16 THE COURT: Do you have another copy?

17 MR. STRIANSE: I'm sorry, Your Honor?

18 THE COURT: Another copy?

19 MR. STRIANSE: Yes, sir.

20 THE WITNESS: Would you like me to read?

21 BY MR. STRIANSE:

22 Q. Please.

23 A. (As read):

24 While in booking, Jordan Norris looked like he  
25 was going to have a physical altercation with

1 another inmate in Cell 4. So we went to pull him  
2 out of the cell, Cell 4, and he was not willing to  
3 comply. We escorted him out of the cell and he  
4 was still resisting. Cpl. Mark Bryant and Jeff  
5 Key went to cuff him behind his back. He still  
6 resisted. I, Josh Marriott, went over and grabbed  
7 his hand so they could get him cuffed. He was  
8 still resisting. Daniel Bratton came over, put  
9 the Taser to his back and warned him to stop  
10 resisting. Norris still did not comply. Bratton  
11 drive-stunned him with the Taser. We took him to  
12 the restraint chair and started to buckle him into  
13 the chair, and he kept resisting. Bratton stunned  
14 him with the Taser again. We got him put in the  
15 restraint chair. He stopped resisting and  
16 complied as we put him in the chair.

17 Q. Now, that's your report of the events of 6:55; is that  
18 right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Is that report accurate?

21 A. I believe so. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. Now, anywhere in the four corners of Defendants'  
23 Exhibit 1 do you offer the opinion that you offer now that  
24 the actions of Mark Bryant were inconsistent with any policy  
25 on -- that was in effect on November 5, 2016?

1 A. What do you mean by that, sir?

2 Q. Yeah. Do you actually write or type in this report that  
3 anything that Mark Bryant did was in violation of any jail  
4 policy?

5 A. This is the 6:55 point where we put him in the restraint  
6 chair. At that point in time Mark did not tase him.

7 Is that what you're asking?

8 Q. Yes, sir.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. Now, you generated another report; is that right?

11 A. If I remember -- I don't remember.

12 Q. Well, do you remember --

13 A. I don't remember.

14 Q. You don't remember?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. Do you remember -- I'm going to show it to you and see  
17 if it refreshes your recollection.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. Let me show you what we're going to mark for  
20 identification as Defendants' Exhibit Number 2. And if you  
21 could take a look at it, read it to yourself, see if you  
22 recognize it.

23 THE COURT: Do you have another copy?

24 MR. STRIANSE: Yes, sir.

25 THE WITNESS: (Reviews document.) Okay.

1 BY MR. STRIANSE:

2 Q. Do you recognize that report?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. That is a report that at the top says "Date and Time of  
5 Incident: 1855"; is that right?

6 A. It does.

7 Q. And then you sign off on this when? When do you sign  
8 off on it?

9 A. After it's been approved by a supervisor.

10 Q. Yes, sir. Is that when you do it?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Take a look at the writing, date and time.

13 Is that your writing in the bottom right-hand  
14 corn?

15 A. On line 1, where it says "13"?

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. Yes, that's my signature.

18 Q. So date and time, 2156.

19 That would be 9:56 p.m., correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. That's your writing?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. For the time and the date.

24 Is there anything in this report that you're  
25 filing at almost 10:00 p.m. that is not accurate?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Your answer is "no"?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Okay. Anywhere -- now -- so this is a couple of hours  
5 after the event, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So you had the opportunity by that point in time to  
8 include any of your observations, any of your conclusions in  
9 Defendants' Exhibit Number 2, this use of force report,  
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And anywhere in this report that you prepared, you  
13 authored and you signed, do you suggest to anyone that  
14 anything that Mark Bryant did on November 5, 2016, was  
15 against policy?

16 A. Can you repeat that? I'm sorry.

17 Q. Do you say anywhere in this document that what Mark  
18 Bryant did was in violation of some then-existing policy?

19 A. In this report, no.

20 Q. Okay.

21 THE COURT: Are you moving that into evidence?

22 MR. STRIANSE: Yes, Your Honor. We would offer  
23 Defendant's 2.

24 THE COURT: Any objection?

25 MR. SONGER: No objection.

1 THE COURT: Admitted.

2 (Whereupon Defense Exhibit 2 was marked for  
3 identification and received in evidence.)

4 BY MR. STRIANSE:

5 Q. Do you remember telling the interviewing officers on  
6 August 2nd, 2017, during the course of that audio interview  
7 that this was one of the craziest incidents that you had ever  
8 had to deal with as a correctional officer?

9 A. I do remember that.

10 THE COURT: I'm sorry. You need to speak into  
11 microphone and louder.

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I do remember that.

13 BY MR. STRIANSE:

14 Q. Do you recall telling Ms. Wright and Mr. Atkins that you  
15 had seen a lot of people messed up on drugs?

16 A. I have. Yes. I do. Yeah.

17 Q. Do you remember telling the investigating officers that  
18 Jordan Norris was out of his mind on drugs?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. That Jordan Norris was having a mental breakdown?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. That Jordan Norris was possessed?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. That he was not in the right state of mind?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And then they asked you the \$64,000 question -- and I  
2 know I'm dating myself with that reference -- when they asked  
3 about the use of force against Jordan Norris on the evening  
4 of November 5, 2016.

5 Do you remember telling them, quote, Everything we  
6 did was necessary?

7 A. I do remember saying that.

8 Q. Okay. That was August of 2017. So we are two years  
9 plus removed from that.

10 But now you've come in and told this jury that it  
11 was excessive?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Correct?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And it was not called for?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay. Now, you are off duty at this point in time? You  
18 were not -- you are on some sort of leave with the Sheriff;  
19 is that right?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. There came a point in time that you were returned to  
22 work at the sheriff's department; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And do you remember when you returned to work?

25 A. I don't remember the exact day. It was -- I was on



1 leave for seven weeks.

2 Q. Do you remember it might have been in September of 2017?

3 A. That sounds right.

4 Q. And do you remember working out regularly at a gym that  
5 was located across the street from the jail there in downtown  
6 Ashland City?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you remember running into Mark Bryant in September of  
9 2017 at that gym?

10 A. Potentially. I don't remember offhand.

11 Q. Well, let's see if this refreshes your recollection.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Do you remember coming into the work out area and giving  
14 Mark a copy of the new policy that had been implemented by  
15 Sheriff Breedlove --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- after the events of November 5, 2016?

18 A. Yes, I do remember that.

19 Q. And after all this became public in July of 2017 --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you said, "Here's the new policy"?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And the new policy became in September of 2017 or July  
3 of 2017 this no more than three applications and no more than  
4 five seconds?

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. Is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 MR. STRIANSE: Your Honor, may I have one moment?

9 THE COURT: Sure.

10 BY MR. STRIANSE:

11 Q. Just a couple more questions.

12 I had asked you about this restraint chair that  
13 was being used --

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. -- back in November of 2016; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Was it shortly after that November 2016 incident that  
18 the jail went out and got new restraint chairs?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. STRIANSE: That's all.

21 THE COURT: All right. Redirect.

22

23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. SONGER:

25 Q. Officer Marriott, you were asked a number of questions

1 there. And I just want to make sure the timing is clear for  
2 your answers.

3           You and Mark Bryant were involved in two different  
4 incidents the night of November 5th that involved Jordan  
5 Norris; is that right?

6 A.    Correct.

7 Q.    At 7:00, he was taken out of his cell.

8           And did Mark Bryant tase him at 7:00?

9 A.    No.

10 Q.    Do you feel that the force and tactics --

11           MR. STRIANSE: I'm going to object to the leading.

12           THE COURT: Sustained.

13 BY MR. SONGER:

14 Q.    In that first incident, do you believe that -- officers'  
15 force was justified?

16 A.    Yes.

17 Q.    Were you also involved in another incident at 8:00?

18 A.    I was.

19 Q.    Did Mark Bryant tase Jordan at 8:00?

20 A.    He did.

21 Q.    Was the force that was used at 8:00 justified?

22 A.    No, it was not.

23 Q.    You were also shown two reports, reports that you filled  
24 out from that night?

25 A.    Yes.

1 Q. Which of the incidents were those reports referencing?

2 A. Referencing the 8:00 -- or excuse me -- the 6:00  
3 incident, the 1855.

4 Q. The first incident?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. When Jordan was taken out of his cell?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Did Mark Bryant tase anyone during that first incident?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Did you write a report about the second incident where  
11 Mark Bryant did tase?

12 A. No. This was about the first -- the first -- or the  
13 first incident.

14 Q. And why didn't you write a report about the second  
15 incident where Mark Bryant tased someone?

16 A. He told me that he would take care of it.

17 Q. You were also asked a number of questions about how  
18 combative Jordan was at different times that night --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- do you remember that?

21 At the time that Mark Bryant tased him at 8:00,  
22 was Jordan a threat that justified tasing him?

23 A. Because he was restrained, no.

24 Q. Are officers allowed to use a Taser to punish someone  
25 for acting out earlier?

1 A. No.

2 Q. You were also asked questions about the policy of not  
3 tasing someone three times for five seconds.

4 Do you remember that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And you said you learned about that in your training,  
7 right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And when did you take that training?

10 A. 2015.

11 Q. Before this incident happened?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. And Mark Bryant was in that training class?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. SONGER: Nothing further.

16 THE COURT: All right. You can step down.

17 MR. STRIANSE: Your Honor, may I ask him --

18 THE COURT: Why don't you approach.

19 MR. STRIANSE: I just have two questions.

20 (Bench conference outside the hearing of the  
21 jury.)

22 MR. STRIANSE: Judge, there's just sort of this  
23 half a question that's asked and an implication about you're  
24 not supposed to use a Taser to punish somebody. And this  
25 one, they never -- they never ask the follow-up question.

1 They want to leave the impression that Mark Bryant was  
2 punishing. I want to be able to ask him a question about  
3 that.

4 THE COURT: What question?

5 MR. STRIANSE: The question is, is he trying to  
6 tell this jury that Mark Bryant's use of the Taser on that  
7 evening was to punish Jordan Norris? The implication is out  
8 there. It's been reenforced on redirect. I should be able  
9 to question that.

10 MR. SONGER: He said on direct and there is  
11 nothing -- he said it on direct and there was nothing brought  
12 up on cross-examination --

13 MR. STRIANSE: Redirect.

14 THE COURT: Well, if it wasn't brought up on  
15 cross-examination, then you shouldn't have brought it up now.

16 And what question do you want to ask him?

17 MR. STRIANSE: Your Honor, I didn't do a good job  
18 of explaining. But the implication in the question, "You're  
19 not supposed to use a Taser to punish someone," is leaving  
20 the jury with the impression that Mark Bryant was punishing  
21 Norris without asking the question directly.

22 THE COURT: And what question do you want to ask?

23 MR. STRIANSE: I'm going to ask him if that's what  
24 he's trying to tell the jury.

25 THE COURT: So what are you going to ask him?

1 Tell me.

2 MR. STRIANSE: Basically that --

3 MS. MYERS: Are you going to ask, do you think --

4 THE COURT: Hold on.

5 Anything else further than that?

6 MR. STRIANSE: It depends on what his answer is.

7 There may be something else. I mean, that's just not --

8 THE COURT: I'll permit you to ask just that one  
9 question.

10 MR. STRIANSE: I can't ask him if that's  
11 consistent with Mark Bryant's management style and what he  
12 interacted with --

13 THE COURT: No. We didn't get into that on direct  
14 or cross.

15 MR. STRIANSE: Yeah, but I mean, I don't think  
16 they should be left with this impression of punishment  
17 either.

18 THE COURT: Well, I asked what question do you  
19 want to ask about that.

20 MR. STRIANSE: Those two questions.

21 THE COURT: And what's the -- the second being  
22 what?

23 MR. STRIANSE: That's inconsistent with Mark  
24 Bryant's interaction with inmates in the jail when he worked  
25 there.

1 MR. SONGER: That's improper character evidence.

2 THE COURT: That -- I think that goes beyond the  
3 scope of direct and cross now. You can ask the first  
4 question.

5 MR. SONGER: And, Your Honor, I did not ask  
6 whether he thought Mark Bryant was punishing.

7 MR. STRIANSE: Then it's even worse. It leaves  
8 the impression that it's punishment without asking the  
9 question. "You're not supposed to use a Taser to punish an  
10 inmate." And then never ask the follow-up question.

11 MR. SONGER: He was asked what principles he was  
12 trained on. That was what --

13 THE COURT: All right. I've ruled. You can ask  
14 that one question. Unless you've got another natural  
15 follow-up to that question, but I don't think --

16 MR. SONGER: Your Honor, I suspect I will have  
17 follow-ups from that.

18 THE COURT: Well, if you suspect, you need to tell  
19 me what that is now.

20 MR. SONGER: Well -- depends on his answer, but I  
21 suspect I would like to ask him --

22 THE COURT: We're not going to reopen where you  
23 are. Go ahead ask the question. We'll see if we go any  
24 further.

25 All right.



1 MS. MYERS: And --

2 THE COURT: I've ruled.

3 MS. MYERS: No --

4 THE COURT: I've ruled.

5 MS. MYERS: -- it's not related to that, Your  
6 Honor.

7 THE COURT: Well, you can't talk to me  
8 without him.

9 MS. MYERS: I know. I know.

10 MR. STRIANSE: I'm sorry. I thought we were done.

11 THE COURT: I thought we were, too.

12 MS. MYERS: And it's not related to that.

13 I'm sorry. I do need to use the restroom. It's  
14 kind of embarrassing. But I didn't know if you were planning  
15 on having another witness --

16 THE COURT: No.

17 MS. MYERS: -- after this one.

18 THE COURT: They're ready to go. They've had a  
19 long day. I hate to -- I need to let him ask -- I need to  
20 let you ask his last set. And that's probably it.

21 MR. STRIANSE: I'm happy for you to have a break.

22 MS. MYERS: No. I don't need it now.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MS. MYERS: Thank you.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 (Jury present.)

2 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, the  
3 Court's going to permit a limited recross.

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5 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. STRIANSE:

7 Q. You were asked a question on direct examination,  
8 redirect examination, about, sort of open ended, a  
9 correctional officer's not supposed to use a Taser to punish  
10 an inmate?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. Are you suggesting in any way that Mark Bryant was  
13 punishing Jordan Norris with the Taser?

14 A. I don't think that was his intent, no.

15 Q. That's not his style in the way he interacted with  
16 inmates --

17 THE COURT: Sustained. Sustained.

18 I think you've gotten your answer. That was not  
19 his intent.

20 MR. STRIANSE: Okay. I didn't hear an objection.  
21 Okay.

22 THE COURT: Anything further?

23 MR. SONGER: Just one question.

24 THE COURT: What's the question?

25 MR. SONGER: I would like to ask whether you know

1 what is in Mark Bryant's head.

2 THE COURT: Oh, of course not.

3 All right. You're done, Mr. -- of course not --  
4 Mr. Marriott.

5 So, ladies and gentlemen, that's going to conclude  
6 our proof for today. And you can put your notes in your  
7 Redweld. And your pen.

8 So a couple of things. I don't want to repeat  
9 again the three -- I'll just say the three things you must  
10 remember: You don't talk; you don't let anybody talk to you;  
11 and you don't do any investigation.

12 Are we all -- anyone want me -- any further  
13 clarification of that? Okay. Good.

14 Second, I don't think I shared with you the  
15 Court's schedule. So we'll start up early in the morning at  
16 9:00. That's really not that early. So you need to be here  
17 by 8:50, ready to go. That's because we cannot start the  
18 trial until everybody is here. I know traffic is horrible in  
19 Nashville, and things happen. So if you get delayed because  
20 of traffic, please, please, please call the number that  
21 you'll get from the jury administrator when you go back over  
22 there and let us know, "I'm stuck in traffic, and it's going  
23 to be 30 minutes." Just so we'll know that you're okay and  
24 that you're en route.

25 But, again, please plan your morning so you get up

1 and ready to go. I think the farthest person may be  
2 Hendersonville, which isn't -- which is -- it may be further  
3 than that. Maybe a little bit closer.

4 Do we have somebody further than Hendersonville?

5 Maybe Murfreesboro. But in any case, just plan on  
6 getting up so that you can get through the traffic and get  
7 here as anticipated in the morning.

8 So we'll start at 9:00. We will take a morning  
9 break, which we didn't do today. But we will for about 15  
10 minutes. When you return to the jury room, you'll find  
11 there's water, coffee, snacks, and things for you to refresh  
12 yourself. Plenty of restrooms. And we'll come back in and  
13 we'll hear testimony until about the lunch hour, around noon  
14 or so. Then at noon we'll take another break for lunch. And  
15 that will go for an hour. No more than an hour. We'll come  
16 back and resume testimony and take a break in the afternoon  
17 for another 15 minutes. And then we'll conclude the day  
18 around 4:30 to 5:00, depending on where our testimony is.

19 So you can plan your day. You can plan on picking  
20 up your children, plan on cooking dinner. You'll have an  
21 idea when you finish working here today.

22 Finally, I would request on Thursday, if we could  
23 start at 8:30. And I know that's different from 9:00. But  
24 see if you can arrange your schedule. And you may have to  
25 drop off children, whatnot, so you can be here by about 8:20

1 or so, so we can start promptly at 8:30.

2 On Thursday we'll go from 8:30 to 10:00, 90  
3 minutes, and we won't -- we won't take a break. And that's  
4 because I need to take a break for the Court at 10:00 to  
5 10:30 to take care of another matter. So that will be a  
6 little late break. Then we'll go from 10:30 until noon and  
7 we'll take our lunch break at noon. And while you're at  
8 lunch, I'm going to take care of another matter, and then  
9 we'll come back at 1:00 and we'll proceed as scheduled.

10 So, if at all possible, I will impose upon you to  
11 be here and ready to go Thursday at 8:30. And then on  
12 Friday, we'll come back to our regular time of 9:00,  
13 depending on how the proof is going.

14 So, again, thank you for being here. This has  
15 been a long day for you, because you've been here early,  
16 getting your orientation, filling out your paperwork. So the  
17 court officer is going to escort you back over to -- we're  
18 going to escort them back over to the jury assembly room.  
19 You can get your cell phones, whatnot, and then -- and any  
20 paperwork you need to do. And you have safe travels. And  
21 I'll see you all in the morning.

22 Question?

23 JUROR: I was just wondering, is it just these  
24 three days and that's it?

25 THE COURT: I anticipate us going this week. It

1 could bleed over to Monday, but we're going to work hard  
2 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and try to get it done this  
3 week.

4 ///////////////, was that your question? That was a  
5 good question. All right. Y'all be safe.

6 (Court adjourned.)

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